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#### **Second Harvest** to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesdays

this pandemic.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy. org/campaign/hungeraction-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/ group/203410.

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# **State Department of Health reports** ninth Wabash County COVID-19 death

Also, the state's new school dashboard updated with additional local figures Monday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Tuesday, the Indiana State Department of Health ISDH

week's local figures.

#### **School figures**

On Thursday, Oct. 1 the introduced COVID-19 death in Wa- board. The results were as

525 schools with no reported cases, 834 schools with one or more cases and 1,448 schools that have not report-

The latest update was as their of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 (ISDH) reported a ninth long-promised school dash- and was updated Monday, Oct. 5. During the latest upbash County. On Monday, of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Sept. date, statewide, there were school dashboard with this updated weekly at midnight ed cases, 944 schools with munity

date, statewide, there were schools that have not report-

So far, two Wabash County schools reported cases. Manchester Elementary School and Manchester Jr./Sr. High School each had fewer than five student positive cases and no teacher or staff positive cases.

the ISDH updated their new 25. The dashboard will be 811 schools with no report- Gremaux, Manchester Com-Schools (MCS)

Mondays. During that up- one or more cases and 1,067 superintendent, said their own online data portal is updated whenever a new case is discovered.

"Information is updated once contact tracing is complete and all close contacts have been notified," stated the MCS dashboard. "Close contact is when an individual is within 6 feet for more than On Monday, Teresa L. 15 minutes of someone with

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On Monday, Joanne Case, Manchester Symphony Society Board president, said the "wonderful" grant would help their organization greatly.

# The show will go on

Six local groups receive arts, cultural and destination marketing organization grants

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, six local organizations - The Honeywell Foundation, Wabash County Museum, Visit Wabash County, the North Manchester Historical Society, the North Manchester Civic Symphony Society and Wabash Marketplace - received state arts, cultural and destination marketing organization grants, according to Randy Spieth, director of communications for Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch.

Statewide, Crouch announced 479 organizations statewide will receive almost \$10 million through the Arts, Cultural and Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) grant program.

funding to support activities in downexecutive director. "As a Main Street to do that is with event curation. We



This past Sunday, Oct. 4, for the first time since February, the group had a live-streamed and in-person, socially distanced strings-only concert.

"Wabash Marketplace is using the Organization, we are an economic will offer safe, community events that development tool to revitalize the his- abide by the Governor's orders. We town Wabash," said Andrea Zwiebel, toric district. One of our primary ways

# City now accepting WCS board member applications

The terms for two appointed positions are expiring at the end of this year

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash City Schools (WCS) school board began accepting applications for member positions Wednesday, Sept. 30, according to Bev Vanderpool, assistant to Mayor Scott Long.

The appointees will begin service on Jan. 1, 2021 and serve for four years.

Application forms are available from Vanderpool through noon Friday, Oct. 30 at City Hall, 202 S. Wabash

Applicants must live within the WCS district to be considered. Members wishing reappointment must complete a new application. Applicants will be interviewed in a public meeting.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Rod Kelsheimer, board president, said there would be two openings to fill on the board.

"The terms currently held by (board vice president) Tony Pulley and myself will expire at the end of this year," said Kelsheimer. "I am planning to seek reappointment for another term, but have not applied yet."

At an August meeting of the Wabash City Council, Councilmember Mitch Figert, liaison between the council and the WCS board, announced changes to how they would be selecting the appointees. Figert said he was letting the council know that they would be updating

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# 'Lettuce Celebrate' Norse pride

Northfield Homecoming Week 2020 concluded this past Friday, Oct. 2

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

From Monday, Sept. 28 to Friday, Oct. 2, the Northfield Norse celebrated their annual homecoming. This was a week of celebrating school spirit and pride with students, faculty, family, alumni and community.

dress-up days, Monday was Thousand Island Day, where

day. Wednesday was Caesar Day where students broke out their togas and leaf crowns. Thursday Finally, Friday was House Day or Norse attire day.

Other activities throughout the week included a lettuce eating competition, a family feud event with the senior football players, make a salad on top of teachers' heads event, corn hole tournament and a post-homecoming game bonfire.

Representatives for the fresh- for homecoming is the lettuce This year's homecoming theme man class included Ava Copewas "Lettuce Celebrate." For land, Mara Zolman, Hank Dyson heard of anyone doing that beand Turner Stephens. The sopho-

more representative included Avstudents wore their Hawaiian ery Shrider, Kylie Leland, Noah fans were ready for the annual

and touristy attire. Tuesday was Burkhart and Dillon Tomlinson.

Balsamic Vinaigrette Day or also Representatives for juniors were

known as frat versus sorority Ainsley Dale, Ashlyn Niccum, Brayden Arney and Jace Randel. Senior homecoming representatives were Addi Baker, Emma was Ranch Day or western day. Brainard, Elise Gottschalk, Addison Harner, Andrew Burns, Michael Fisher, Nicholas Maggart and Jett Snyder.

"I love the theme we have this year. Dressing up every day is super fun. I think participating in these events help with increasing the school spirit", said Gottschalk.

'My favorite event this week eating competition. I've never

fore," said Snyder. Friday arrived and Northfield

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Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer Andrew Burns and Addi Baker were named Class of 2021 homecoming king and queen.

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# Sen. Collins: Maskless Trump set a poor example at White House

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Donald Trump discharged from the hospital so soon, and said Trump set a poor

"When I saw him on their inner circle. the balcony of the White House, taking off his mask, I couldn't help but think that he sent the wrong signal, given that he's infected with COVID-19 and that there

Republican Sen. Susan Col- mediate circle who have the Maine House speaker, in lins said Tuesday she was virus," she said. "I did not one of the most competitive "shocked" to see President think that was a good example at all."

The White House is now a coronavirus hotspot, with example by appearing at both the president and first the White House without a lady having contracted the virus, along with others in

Collins, who has been critical of Trump's handling of the coronavirus pandemic before, calling his performance "extremely uneven." She's running against

are many people in his im- Democrat Sara Gideon, the senate races in the country – one of a handful that could decide whether Republicans keep control of the U.S. Senate. It's the costliest political race in state history.

Collins is seeking to persuade voters who oppose Trump to stick with her. Collins has not said whether or not she'll cast her ballot for the president. She says she didn't vote for him in 2016.

# EU program spots largest ozone hole over Antarctica in years

GENEVA (AP) — The Ozone depletion over the of that that we are seeing the European Union's Earth observation program said Tuesday that the ozone hole over Antarctica has swelled to its largest size and deepest level in years.

Experts at the Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service said a strong, stable and cold polar vortex has driven the expansion, and called for greater international efforts to ensure countries abide by an international accord to phase out use of ozone-depleting chemicals.

Vincent-Henri Peuch, who heads the service, said in a statement that the ozone hole was "definitely" among the largest in the last 15 years.

Antarctic continent was first noticed in 1985.

In Geneva, spokeswoman Clare Nullis of the World Meteorological Organization said the ozone hole begins to expand every August – at the start of the Antarctic spring – and reaches a peak around October.

"The air has been below minus 78 degrees Celsius, and this is the temperature which you need to form stratospheric clouds - and this quite (a) complex process," Nullis said at a U.N. briefing. "The ice in these clouds triggers a reaction which then can destroy the ozone zone. So, it's because

big ozone hole this year.

The Copernicus service said energy from the sun as it rises over the pole releases chemically-active chlorine and bromine atoms into the polar vortex, which quickly destroy ozone molecules causing the hole to form.

Nullis said that despite the growing hole, experts still believe the ozone layer is slowly recovering after adoption of the Montreal Protocol, a treaty signed in 1987 that aims to phase out ozone-depleting substances. She cited climate projections indicate that the ozone layer will return to 1980 levels in

# 'Saturday Night Live' show has best season opener since 2016

By DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The big debate – the one between Alec Baldwin and Jim Carrey – was a winner in the ratings.

"Saturday Night Live" scored its biggest season premiere audience in four years and second best in 12 years, emphasizing the importance of presidential election time for the NBC comedy show.

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Baldwin, portraying Presi- during prime time in the ing last week's debate performance. Carrey debuted with his impersonation of Democratic opponent Joe Biden.

During a busy week for news and sports, "Saturday Night Live" was the mostwatched entertainment show, despite starting at 11:35 p.m. on the East Coast, the Nielsen company said. It was shown live across the coun-Its "cold open" featured try, which meant it aired

October 31st | 1:00 pm

dent Donald Trump, satiriz- West.

With 8.24 million viewers, it was the second mostwatched "SNL" episode since May 2017, with the exception being last December's triumphant return of Eddie Murphy.

It was also a return to its familiar New York studio for the comedy show, which did a few remote episodes last spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The strong ratings overshadowed some rough reviews. "The Late Shift" author Bill Carter called it a "standout - not in a good way" for some uniformly flat skits.

needed 'Saturday Night Live' to rise to the occasion for this moment, and it didn't," agreed Eric Deggans, critic for National Public Radio. "Let's hope the nation's firehose of news will slow a bit, and the show will have time to catch its breath and raise its game."

was the NBC mostwatched broadcast network last week, averaging 5.5 million viewers in prime time. Fox had 3.9 million viewers, ABC had 3.8 million, CBS had 2.7 million, Univision had 1.14 million, Ion Television had 1.11 million and Telemundo had 1 million.

Fox News Channel topped the cable networks with an average of 5.18 million viewers in prime time. ESPN had 3.9 million, CNN had 2.85 million, MSNBC had 2.8 million and HGTV had 1.16 million.

ABC's "World News Tonight" won the evening news ratings race with an average of 8.2 million viewers, NBC's "Nightly News" had 7.3 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 5.4 mil-

lion. For the week of Sept. 28-

Oct. 4, the top prime-time program was the U.S. Presidential Debate, Fox News, 17.88 million.

Second was NFL Football:



Thursday Sunny

72 / 47 **Sun and Moon** 

Today's sunset ...... 7:19 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise ...

Wednesday

77 / 45

First

78 / 56

Friday Saturday Mostly Sunny Partly Cloudy

will be clear, overnight low of 47°

Sunday Partly Cloudy

76 / 55

**Detailed Local Outlook** Today we will see sunny skies, high of 77°, humidity of 41%. West wind 11 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 45°. East southeast wind 2 to 11 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 72°,

humidity of 40%. Light winds. Thursday night, skies

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In search of essential vitamin D

**DEAR DOCTORS:** I've heard skeletal formation and soft, cient, the recommendation enough vitamin D in their malformed. diet. What about getting you don't get enough?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier Ask the **Doctors** 



the skeleton, process mineraliza-

tissues

and aids in the regulation of blood phosphorus levels.

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that a lot of people don't get weak bones that can become increases to 800 IU per day.

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The amount of vitamin D daily allowance. gradually become thin and that you need to maintain Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an brittle. Together with cal- optimal bone health de- internist and associate professor cium, vitamin D also helps pends on your age. Infants of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizprotect older adults from up to 1 year old should get abeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and osteoporosis. In children, a 400 international units (IU) assistant professor of medicine lack of the vitamin can lead per day. Children, teens and at UCLA Health. Send your questo rickets, a disease that in- all adults up to the age of tions to askthedoctors@mednet. terferes with mineralization. 70 are advised to get 600 ucla.edu. Owing to the volume of Rickets is a sometimes pain- IU. After age 70, when our mail, personal replies cannot be ful disease, marked by poor bodies become less effi- provided.

It's rare, but possible, to

When our skin is exposed get too much vitamin D. it from the sun? Is that too to sunlight, our bodies be- The addition of the nutrient risky? Also, what happens if come natural vitamin D to prepared foods is carefulfactories. The energy in ly regulated, and our bodies **DEAR READER:** Vitamin D ultraviolet rays triggers a naturally limit the amount is a fat-soluble nutrient that complex chemical reaction they manufacture from sun our bodies require in order that, along with help from exposure, so you're not goto absorb calcium from the the liver, kidneys and certain ing to run into problems intestines. That calcium is cellular structures, results there. If you're going to rely then used to in the formation of vitamin on vitamins or supplements D. The nutrient is also nat- for your vitamin D intake, urally available in fatty fish, be sure to check with your

Getting enough vitamin in smaller amounts in cer- D from the sun depends on tain foods such as beef liver, location, weather and skin tion. Vitamin cheeses, egg yolks and some type. Also, sunscreen limits is also mushrooms. However, we how much a person can prodon't eat these foods in large duce. For those with light bone growth, enough quantities to satisfy skin, 15 to 30 minutes of plays a role our body's ongoing need for full sunlight on bare arms, in managing vitamin D. To help make legs or torso a total of two inflammation, helps prevent up for a potential deficit, a to three times per week is involuntary muscle spasms range of prepared foods are adequate. Due to the profortified with the nutrient. tective effects of melanin, These include orange juice, darker skin requires longer Not getting enough vita- breakfast cereals and dairy exposure. People with any min D makes it difficult to products, as well as some kind of skin cancer history maintain adequate levels of soy, rice and noodle prod- or risk should rely on diet and supplements to get their

# Stocks drop after Trump calls off talks on the economic stimulus

By STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writers

a stop to negotiations with Democrats on a coronavirus economic stimulus bill until after the election.

The S&P 500 index slid been up 0.7 percent prior to the president's announcement, which he made on twitter about an hour before the close of trading. The late-afternoon pullback erased most of the benchmark index's gains from a market rally a day earlier.

In a series of tweets, Trump said: "I have instructed my representatives to stop negotiating until after the election when, immediately after I win, we will pass a major stimulus bill that focuses on hardworking Americans and small business." He also accused Speaker Nancy Pelosi of not negotiating in good

unnecessary hardship for households and businesses." Optimism that Democrats

and Republicans would 1.4 percent after having reach a deal on more stimulus ahead of the Nov. 3 elections had helped lift the stock market recently. Now, investors face the prospect that more aid may not come until next year, after the new Congress is seated, said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird.

"This isn't just pushing it off until after the election, this is just a one-day finanreally goes to the health of the recovery.'

Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 375.88 points, the pandemic.

The comments from the or 1.3 percent, to 27,772.76. president came just hours It had been up by more after Federal Reserve Chair than 200 points. The Nas-Jerome Powell urged Con- daq composite lost 177.88 Stocks dropped on Wall gress to come through with points, or 1.6 percent, to Street Tuesday after Presi- more aid, saying that too 11,154.60. The tech-heavy dent Donald Trump ordered little support "would lead index had been on pace for to a weak recovery, creating a 0.5 percent gain before Trump cut off the stimulus talks.

Small stocks also fell, but less than the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks gave up 4.67 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,577.29.

Stocks had been drifting between small gains and losses for much of the day before gaining momentum into the late afternoon, then Trump's tweets knocked the market into reverse gear.

The move to nix the negotithis realistically is pushing ations with Democrats dashit off until spring," Del- es Wall Street's hopes that wiche said. "I don't think another round of stimulus would soon be on the way. cial markets reaction. This Bitter partisanship on Capitol Hill has been preventing a compromise on more aid The S&P 500 fell 47.66 for the economy, which has points to 3,360.97. The been punched into a recession by shutdowns related to



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#### **Chad Allan Study**

Chad Allan Study, 44, of North Tucker Street Men-Warsaw, died at 10:48 a.m., tone, Indiana. Oct. 3, 2020 in Indianapo-

10, 1976 in Melrose Park, estine, Indiana. Illinois to Al and Linda (Davidson) Study.

The funeral service for Indiana. Chad will be held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020 Online Condolence at: www.

The interment will take place following the service Chad was born on March in Palestine Cemetery, Pal-

Visitation hours will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Thurs-He is survived by his par- day, Oct. 8, 2020 at King Memorial Home, Mentone,

Share a Memory or send an at King Memorial Home 101 hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### **Brenda J. Newman**

of Warsaw, passed away at 11:11 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 at her resi-

Brenda is survived by her husband, Randy New-Gidley; daughter, Kimberly (Steve) Hively; three Richard McKenzie, and Society. William (Judy) McKenzie; zie and Della (Ivan) Lance; mcdonaldfunerals.com

Brenda J. Newman, 72, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Per Brenda's request and wishes, there will be no ser-

Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Fuman; son; Keith (Veronica) neral Homes, 231 Falls Av-

Preferred memorials are to brothers, Herb McKenzie, the Wabash County Cancer

Online condolences may two sisters, Ethel McKen- be sent to the family at www.

# Military leaders quarantined after official tests positive for coronavirus

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

military leaders were under self-quarantine Tuesday after a senior Coast Guard official tested positive for the coronavirus, the Pentagon said. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, and the vice chairthose affected, U.S. officials said.

Military leaders who were in contact with Adm. Charles W. Ray, the vice told Monday evening that he had tested positive, and they were all tested Tuesday morning, according to several U.S. officials. Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said in a statement that none have exhibited symptoms or have so far tested positive.

Ray was in a meeting of the Joint in what's called the Tank - the clasbut he also had other meetings with form their duties from an alternative may have been exposed.

The news stunned officials at the Pentagon. Top leaders there have communication systems installed in WASHINGTON — The nation's top largely remained free of the virus, although there have been a number of outbreaks across the active duty force and the reserves around the na- riety of reasons. Some stayed home tion and overseas. Overall more than after having been exposed to the vi-47,000 service members have tested positive for the virus, as of Monday, man, Gen. John Hyten, were among 625 have been hospitalized and eight have died.

It is not known how Ray contracted the virus. He attended an event for commandant of the Coast Guard, were military families at the White House about ten days ago, as did several military leaders. But it's not clear if he contracted the virus there or elsewhere, officials said.

The Coast Guard said in a statement that Ray felt mild symptoms over the lic. weekend and was tested on Monday.

Hoffman said the quarantining of ing some staff members of the chiefs – Chiefs of Staff late Friday morning leaders won't affect "the operational readiness or mission capability of the sified meeting room in the Pentagon. U.S. Armed Forces." He added that, Officials said that is where most of the "senior military leaders are able to military is conducting additional conmilitary leaders were exposed to him, remain fully mission capable and per- tact tracing to identify anyone who

Top military leaders have robust their homes as a routine matter, and many have sporadically worked from home during the pandemic for a varus and other military leaders have self-quarantined for a short time after returning from travel.

Hoffman's statement did not identify those affected, but multiple U.S. officials said that besides Milley, they included the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard, as well as the head of U.S. Cyber Command, Gen. Paul Nakasone. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss information not yet made pub-

At least 14 military officials - includare believed to have been potentially exposed to the virus after meetings last week with Ray. Hoffman said the

# Floods in France, Italy swept bodies out of cemeteries

By DANIEL COLE Associated Press

BREIL-SUR-ROYA, France — The grim job of searching for flood victims in Alpine villages and on the nearby French and Italmore gruesome: Along with storm casualties, authorities say corpses from cemeteries have also been found around the Mediterranean shore, apparently swept down the

A total of 12 deaths have been reported since the Alpes-Maritimes region and Italy's northwestern regions of Liguria and Piedmont starting Friday – four on the French side, eight on the Italian side.

mountain by violent rains.

Prime Minister Jean Castex said French rescuers were still searching Tuesday for 21 people missing.

"My thoughts go to grieving families, those who are waiting to hear from their relatives or who have lost everything," he said at the National Assembly.

Castex said more than 900 rescuers, 500 police officers and some troops were involved in the emergency operation in the mountainous region, which is home to 12,000 residents.

He added that about 700 people were staying in hotels or other accommodation sites after being evacuated from their homes.

French President Emmanuel Macron will visit the area Wednesday.

Corpses unearthed from cemeteries have washed up on the Italian side, a spokeswoman for the Alpes-Maritimes regional administration told The Associated Press. She could not say how many or where they came hauled away felled trees to from, and it was unclear clear streets and roads. Cars whether the bodies were coated in caked mud were among the eight reported piled on top of each other.

dead in Italy from the storm. Italian local authorities could not immediately be reached for comment.

The cemetery corpses were in such an advanced state of decomposition that they were clearly distinguishable ian coasts has grown even from recent storm victims, the French spokeswoman

Local authorities have said cemeteries in the French towns of Saint-Martin-de-Vesubie and Tende were partially washed out by the floods. Tende Mayor Jean-Pierre Vassallo told Le storm pounded France's Parisien newspaper that the village cemetery "was cut in two" and bodies were unearthed.

Forensic police working to identify the dead are among the security forces, firefighters, rescue divers and others helping Tuesday in the continuing search and cleanup effort, according to a spokesman for France's national gendarme service.

Police are going door-todoor to check on people reported as missing in hamlets where roads, electricity, communications and water supplies were cut off by the storm, the spokesman said.

Neither spokesperson was authorized to be publicly named according to official

In Breil-sur-Roya, the river that runs through the village of 2,000 residents, usually known for trout fishing, turned during the storm into a torrent of mud, rocks and

Longtime residents describe the damage in biblical terms, saying they'd never seen anything like it.

Some have started to clean up, spending their whole day shoveling mud out of shops and homes while trucks

# **Hurricane Delta now Category 4,** roars at Mexico's Yucatan regi

By LUIS ANDRÉS HENAO and GABRIEL ALCOCER

**Associated Press** 

CANCUN, Mexico Delta rapidly intensified into a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph winds Tuesday on a course to hammer southeastern Mexico and then continue on to the U.S. Gulf coast this week.

The worst of the immediate impact was expected along the resort-studded northeastern tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, where hurricane conditions were expected Tuesday night and landfall early Wednesday.

From Tulum to Cancun, tourism-dependent munities still soaked by the remnants of Tropical Storm Gamma could bear the brunt of the storm.

In Cancun Tuesday, long lines stretched at supermarkets, lumber yards and gas stations as residents scrambled for provisions under mostly sunny skies. Officials warned that residents should have several days of water and food on hand. Boat owners lined up at public ramps to pull their boats out of the

Mexico began evacuating tourists and residents from coastal areas along its Riviera Maya Tuesday. Quintana Roo Gov. Carlos Joaquin said that buses were already carrying people off Holbox Island and hotels in Cancun and Puerto Morelos were busing their guests inland to government shelters.

Some hotels that had exemptions because their structures were rated for major hurricanes were preparing to shelter their guests in place and testing their emergency systems. When the alarm blared

her arms her 10-month-old the public relations manager daughter, Hannah Cien- for Palace Resorts. fuegos. She had arrived

parents-in-law. impact here, because we've required for guests. never been in a situation like it," she said.

Joseph Potts, a deputy sheriff from Denver, Colorado, took care of his 3-year- cane-strength winds were old son near a kiddie pool expected by Tuesday evewhile his wife attended an ning and landfall to occur emergency information sesguests at a ballroom inside the hotel, but a short time later after the storm intensified the hotel told them they would all be moved to a university in Cancun.

"The hurricane kind of popped up overnight and we just want to get it over with and go back to the beach," Potts said.

Cancun Mayor Mara Lezama Espinosa said that the city had opened more shelters than usual to give people more space in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic.

were currently 40,900 tourists in all of Quintana Roo. That number is a fraction of what it would normally be due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The area's economy pandemic-caused lockdown.

just south of Cancun, hundreds of guests from Moon very warm and deep waters Palace hotels on Cozumel, of the northwestern Carib-Isla Mujeres and beachfront bean," National Hurricane 30, and her husband Ferrooms were being moved into a hurricane shelter at the resort's large exposition center.

Bedding, food and enterat the Fiesta Americana tainment were being pro-Condesa hotel, Lizeth Elena vided at the expo center for as Delta shifted west. Garza Hernandez, 35, rushed guests until the hurricane out of her room carrying in passes, said Cessie Cerrato, an extremely dangerous about Delta.

"It's massive," Cerrato said aulipas with her husband, super safe and further away 4-year-old daughter and her from the water." Given the coronavirus pandemic, the "I'm scared because we hall will allow safe distanc- about 260 miles east-southdon't know how it could ing, and face masks will be east of Cozumel, Mexico,

The state ordered all 16 mph. non-essential businesses to close by 1 p.m. and banned the sale of alcohol. Hurrinear Puerto Morelos just The hotel offered to shelter 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Wednes-

beach before Delta hit.

"Never been to a hurricane area," Koudsi said. "Never been to Mexico. I was expecting maybe more sun, less waves, but, you know, we're trying to make the best of it."

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Tuesday that 5,000 federal State Tourism Minister troops and emergency per-Marisol Vanegas said there sonnel were being made would let officials seek available in Quintana Roo to federal aid more quickly if aid in storm efforts.

The state's airports remained open Tuesday morn-"I honestly don't see

was devastated by months of much that will stop it until it reaches Yucatan, due to At the Moon Palace resort low vertical wind shear, high deep-layer moisture, and the Center forecaster Eric Blake said.

Cuba's Islands were under tropical storm warnings on Tuesday

storm surge raising water levels by as much as 7 to 11 feet in the Yucatan, accom-Sunday from Reynosa, Tam- of the convention hall. "It's panied by large and dangerous waves, and flash flooding inland.

Delta's center Tuesday was moving west-northwest at

Once it moves on from Mexico, it's expected to regain Category 4 status over the Gulf as it approaches the U.S. coast, where landfall around Friday would be followed by heavy rainfall sion about the hurricane. south of Cancun between across the southeastern United States.

> "While there is large un-Just south of Puerto Mo- certainty in the track and relos in Playa del Carmen, intensity forecasts, there is tourist Zena Koudsi of Char- a significant risk of dangerlotte, North Carolina was ous storm surge, wind, and taking a final walk along the rainfall hazards along the coast from Louisiana to the western Florida Panhandle beginning Thursday night or Friday. Residents in these areas should ensure they have their hurricane plan in place and monitor updates to the forecast of Delta," the Hurricane Center said.

> > Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday signed a state of emergency that she said needed later.

Beach communities on the Alabama coast are still ing, but beaches were closed. clearing away the damage from Hurricane Sally, which made landfall at Gulf Shores on Sept. 16, as they warn people to be ready for Hurricane Delta.

Back in Cancun, Mexican tourists Stephanie Vazquez, nando Castillo, 38, took one last dip in the pool at the westernmost Fiesta Americana hotel in province and the Cayman Cancún Tuesday with their 2-year-old Leonardo Castillo Vazquez.

Vazquez said she was It's expected to arrive with feeling "nervous, worried,"

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# BMV announces its Columbus Day hours

Branches resume regularly scheduled business hours Tuesday, Oct. 13

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are closed beginning Satur- IN.gov/BMV.

day, Oct. 10 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday, according to a press release. Branches resume regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, All Indiana Bureau of Mo- or to find a 24-hour BMV tor Vehicles (BMV) branches Connect kiosk near you visit

## Gary fire leaves man, girl dead, grandmother hurt

a 30-year-old man and left a west Indiana) Times. grandmother hospitalized in A search of the house losaid Tuesday.

Dennis Liggins, dead in a ed Liggins was 21 years old.

GARY, Ind. (AP) — An bedroom toward the rear of he overnight house fire in Gary house, Gary Fire Chief Sean killed a 6-year-old girl and O'Donnell told The (North-

critical condition, authorities cated the 6-year-old, Ciara Brown, who was pronounced Firefighters were called to dead at a hospital, O'Donnell the two-story home around said. Both lived in the home. 4:45 a.m. and found the man, Fire officials initially report-

#### **GRANTS**

are thankful to receive funding to support our efforts."

This initiative is made possible through a partnership between the Indiana Destiana Arts Commission (IAC), providing operational support COVID-19.

"Receiving funds from the DMO grant program will ensure the Museum can continue to provide the quality educational programs and guest experience that has come to be expected by visitors from throughout northeast Indiana," said Mitch Figert, president and CEO of the Wabash Coun-Museum has had to cancel numerous events and temporari-Museum moving forward.'

mined by a formula that included factors for budget size, previous amounts of CARES Act funding received and amount of eligible expenses, resulting in an equitable distribution to organizations for documenting the use of all distributed funds.

On Monday, Joanne Case, Manchester Symphony Society Board president, said the "wonderful" grant would help their organization greatly.

"This past Sunday, Oct. 4,

for the first time since February, we had a live-streamed and in-person, socially distanced strings-only concert, giving us a taste of what we might accomplish with these additional resources," Case.

The conductor, Dr. Debra nation Development Corpo- Lynn, said like many symration (IDDC) and the Indi- phony orchestras around the world, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra (MSO) had to local organizations whose to cancel our final two conoperations were disrupted by certs last year "for the safety of our musicians and our audience during those early months of COVID-19."

"While this brought our expenses down somewhat, the greater impact was our loss in ticket sales. Without in-person interaction at live events, we also lost a vital connection with our patrons, causing a decrease in donations. This ty Museum. "Since March, the has been a difficult loss, especially at a time when we are beginning publicity and fundly shutter the doors for guests, raising for an exciting new school visits, and researchers. guest artist residency fund," Since reopening, the Museum said Lynn. "As the pandemic continues to see a decline in wore on, we have actively folattendance and memberships lowed aerosol super-spreader and these grant funds will research regarding musical allow for the continued care instrument use and singing, of the Museum's robust col- much of which was begun in lection of more than 175,000 June and is still continuing. artifacts and ensure a safe and Funds from this grant will engaging experience for fam- help support and sustain the ilies and groups who visit the MSO in the aftermath of those cancelations and will be cru-Award amounts were deter- cial to moving us forward with equipment purchases enabling the safe inclusion of winds and some singing during our 2020-2021 season. It will also help make live streaming possible for audiences who wish to attend concerts from their in all areas of the state. Each homes. A significant percentgrantee will be responsible age of our patrons reside in retirement communities and are, at times, restricted from leaving their campuses; therefore, I am particularly pleased that we will be able to send our concerts online to this dedicated group of MSO supporters.'

## NORTHFIELD

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homecoming game. This year they faced the Rochester Zebras. The Norse held a good fight as the score remained 28 to 0 at halftime. The court ceremony commenced.

Last year's queen, Alyssa McKillip, was in charge of crowning the new king and queen. The crowd was eacrowned. Finally, McKillip proceeded to crown Andrew Burns, as king, and Addi on court," said Baker. Baker, as queen for the class of 2021.

Burns is involved in cross country, track and student Norse came out victorious council at Northfield. He plans to become a Navy Seal.

"My favorite part about homecoming week was befeel like I'm doing something right since everyone voted for me," said Burns.

Baker is involved in softball, volleyball, basketball, Sources of Strength and National Honor Society at Northfield. She plays travel softball for Indiana Magic Gold. She plans to attend Southern Illinois University to play softball. She is undecided with her major.

"My favorite part of homeger to know who would be coming was all of the dressup days. It also means a lot that others voted for me to be

Topping off the homecoming week was the win from the varsity football team. The against Rochester ending the game 62 to 0.

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## **BOARD**

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the application that is made public to candidates. Figert said they hoped to start interviews by mid- to late October. Jason Callahan," said Figert. Figert said the Wabash City board members to the WCS com. board. Figert said they are one of the few school boards in the state of Indiana that is

appointed, not elected.

This allows the council to interview candidates and select members that will provide a diverse set of skills to lead the corporation in partnership with Superintendent

For more information, email Council appoints the five citycouncil1@cityofwabash.

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# U.S. trade deficit up to \$67.1 billion in August, a 14-year high for the nation

By PAUL WISEMAN AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit rose in in 14 years.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that and education, lowest since the gap between the goods January 2012. and services the United States sells and what it buys in August to \$67.1 billion, highest since August 2006. Exports rose 2.2 percent to \$171.9 billion on a surge in shipments of soybeans, but imports rose more – up 3.2 percent to \$239 billion – led by purchases of crude oil, cars and auto parts.

The U.S. deficit with the trade – exports plus imports in the United States. rest of the world in the trade of goods such as airplanes this year to \$3.2 trillion. and appliances set a record \$83.9 billion in August. The August to the highest level United States ran a surplus of \$16.8 billion in the trade of services such as banking

The politically sensitive deficit in the trade of goods abroad climbed 5.9 percent with China fell 6.7 percent to \$26.4 billion.

So far this year, the United States has recorded a trade gap of \$421.8 billion, up 5.7 percent from January-August 2019.

Hammered by the coronavirus and its fallout on the world economy, total U.S. - is down 15.1 percent so far "Overall, trade flows re-

main subdued and the outlook is uncertain given a muted global growth and demand backdrop," Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

President Donald Trump campaigned on a pledge to bring down America's imposed taxes on imports of steel, aluminum and most products from China, among other things; and renegotiated a North American trade pact in an effort to encourage more production

But the trade deficit won't yield easily to changes in trade policy. As the U.S. economy recovers from springtime Americans are buying more imported goods while foreign demand for U.S. products remains weak.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer issued a statement on the monthly trade deficit report Tuesday, persistent trade deficits. He defending the president's record. Lighthizer noted that the U.S. deficit in the trade of goods is down 2.4 percent so far this year and would have fallen more if it weren't for a surge in gold imports by investors.

#### **VIRUS**

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confirmed COVID-19. The determined close contacts in conjunction with school personnel and advised us who to quarantine."

According to the MCS dashboard, both schools had one confirmed case each. and as a result, a total of five people were quarantined.

"All students quarantined have recovered and returned to school," said Gremaux.

During the previous update, only Sharp Creek reported cases, as no other 4.7 percent. schools in Wabash County had reported information to reported five new local the dashboard.

Manchester Intermediate School, Metro North El- tests. The local seven-day ementary School, Sharp positivity rating for all tests Creek Elementary School, was 5 percent. The local OJ Neighbours Elementary School, St. Bernard El- for unique individuals was ementary School, White's 7.9 percent. Jr./Sr. High School, Com- On Monday, the ISDH have had the novel corona- dealer.com.

pass Rose Academy, South- reported two new local virus following corrections wood Elementary School and Southwood Jr./Sr. High School. However, Heartland Career Center, Wabash Wabash Health Department High School, Wabash Middle School and Emmanuel Christian School have not yet reported their school data to the dashboard.

#### **Local figures**

On Saturday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 282, with 5,129 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating Elementary School had no for unique individuals was

On Sunday, the ISDH positive COVID-19 cases, During the latest update, bringing Wabash County's total to 287, with 5,157 seven-day positivity rating

positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 289, with 5,170 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported an additional local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.2 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 9.6 percent.

#### Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 990 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at the state around the state, laboratory, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 126.946 the total number of Indiana residents known to

to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 3,484 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 30 from the previous day. Another 227 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are retotal to 5,177 tests. The ceived by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 1,432,219 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,425,175 on Monday. A total of 2,198,785 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

To find testing sites www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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#### **PULSE**

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#### **Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration** scheduled for Thursday

Grow Wabash County has announced that Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management has been selected as the 2020 Business of the Year. Halderman will be celebrated for this achievement from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Honeywell Center during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration. Registration is now open for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, visit www.growwabash county.com/2020annualdinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

#### **Trick-or-treating at** Mississinewa Lake is for overnight guests only this year

Mississinewa Lake is hosting Autumn Camping Weekends (ACW) II on Saturday, Oct. 10 within the framework of the state's guidance for event planning. including social distancing, mask requirements, hand-washing and sanitizing of program materials this year. Events include a variety of other activities as usual. Many of those activities are open to the public: Pancake breakfasts are fundraisers for Friends groups from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; cornhole tournaments at noon, \$5 per person, double-elimination; Step into pumpkin decorating from noon to 2 p.m. This year, however, because of COVID-19, if trickor-treating occurs at park properties, it will be only for campers and other overnight guests. Entrance to the Miami Recreation Area is restricted on Saturday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov, camp. IN.gov or dnr.IN.gov or call 866-622-6746 or 877-LODGES1.

#### **Frances Slocum Chapter of the INDAR to** meet Tuesday, Oct. 13

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be about Alexander and Susanna (Swihart) Abshire Log Cabin located in Roann, presented by Carol Long, a decedent of the Swihart family. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org

or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-

4661 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

**Annual Join the Y – Canned Food Drive begins** 

The Wabash County YMCA is once again partnering with F.I.S.H. of Wabash County to launch the Annual Join the Y – Canned Food Drive through Thursday, Oct. 15 at 500 S. Cass St. Similar to past years, those who donate a can of non-perisnable food will receive a reduction of the joiner fee. For more information, visit wabashcountyymca. org or call 260-563-9622.

#### **Absentee voting** applications now available

Voters who wish to vote absentee may visit indianavoters.com and complete an absentee application or they can call the clerk's office at 260-563-0661, ext. 1238 and request the form. Absentee voters may bring their ballot to the clerk's office by noon on Election Day.

#### Clerk's office announces early voting locations

Early voting at the Wabash County Clerk's office will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through noon Monday, Nov. 2. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. The office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 24 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 150 N. 2nd St., Somerset. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 31 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and the Liberty Township Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave., Lafontaine.

#### **Manchester University** moves its 2020 **Commencement to** Saturday, Oct. 17

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and

Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and **Master of Accountancy Commencement** at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

#### **Clerk's office announces Election Day voting locations**

On Election Day, voting locations will include Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave.: First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; North Manchester Public Library, 405 N. Market St., North

Manchester; Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N. Ogden Road, Laketon; and Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester.

#### Indiana 105 bridge at **Salamonie Lake closed**

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

#### **Hawkins Farms kicks off** Pizza Fridays benefiting **HOPE CSA**

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www. hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www. hopecsa.org.

#### **Laketon American Legion open**

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

#### **DivorceCare begins** weekly meetings again DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series

sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, "features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery." The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15.

For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabash friends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@ wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

# Wabash boys win fourth straight TRC title

### The team takes championship Saturday

By ROY CHURCH

Powered by three seniors, the Wabash boys cross counchampionship for the fourth

straight year here Saturday. All four Wabash Counfinisher among the top 10 and Southwood's Braden Sweet was the overall winner in 16:20.5. Wabash's Zack Reed was runner-up in 16:38.5, Manchester's 16:47.3 and Northfield's Andrew Burns was ninth in 17:56.0. All four are seniors.

champion and finished second in 2018. title with 35 points, ahead of Manchester in second (84 points), Rochester third

field seventh (154), Tippecanoe Valley (the host) eighth Lady Squires were Anna (161), Whitko ninth (251) and North Miami 10th (286). With the victory comes the unofficial title of "Wabash in 23:44.1) and Miriam County champions" since Struble-Hedstrom (24th in this is the only time this sea-

son all four county teams

were at the same meet. After Reed for Wabash Martin (30th in 24:29.9). were Jarrett Wilson, fourth in top seven were Kaden Vogel,

Daughtry, 19th in 18:31.1. tournament," Head Coach Ryan Evans said. "Training has been progressing steadily and the guys are ready to start the championship sea-

Behind Bedke for the Squires were Raven King, 14th in 18:10.1; Cade Jones, 16th in 18:21.5; Lane Stetzel, 22nd in 18:48.1; and Jacob Hesting, 29th in 19:22.8. Rounding out the top seven were Kedrick Metzger, 30th in 19:26.0, and Caden Marcum, 31st in 19:26.1.

After Sweet for the Knights were Casey Boardman, 18th in 18:25.8; Jacob Marlow, 21st in 18:46.2; Landon Mitchell, 34th in 19:49.8; and Devin Danzy, 49th in 21:27.0. Rounding out the top seven were Skylar Amos, 51st in 21:42.6, and Brayden Smith, 56th in 22:20.9.

Following Burns across the 5K finish line were Grant Dale, 27th in 19:15.1; Karson Pratt, 32nd in 19:48.0; Alex Reed, 38th in 20:03.7; and Brandon McKillip, 48th in 21:23.3. Rounding out the top seven for the Norse were Ben Kissel, 57th in 22:21.2, and Ryan Brunett, 58th in 22:24.9.

Other finishers for Wabash were Nick Perkins (24th), Lincoln Saldivar (26th), Sammy Smith (34th), Eli

(38th), Jacob Fuchs (43rd), Ethan Berry (55th) and Braydon French (58th). Manchester's other runners were Kaden Dillon (46th), Raice Martin (53rd), JD Eberly (56th), Isaac Diaz (57th), Caleb Smith (63rd) and Kenneth Martin (91st). Southwood's Dean Elzy was 81st and Northfield's retry team walked - no pun in- maining runners were Clay tended – away with the 2020 Herring (76th), John Nessler Three Rivers Conference (78th) and Tristan Barlow

In the girls race, won by Madilyn Calloway of Rochty schools had at least one ester in 19:29.1, Manchester sophomore Josie Briner was the top Wabash County finisher. She was fourth in 20:26.0.

Freshman Mara Zolman led Northfield with a ninth-Carter Bedke was third in place finish in 21:51.5, Sierra Hall was 23rd for Wabash in 24:01 and Monica Hobson topped Southwood in 27th in Sweet was the defending 24:17.6.

Manchester finished third (63 points) and Northfield The Apaches took the team fourth (118) behind Rochester (31) and Maconaquah (39). Whitko was fifth (129) and Peru sixth (147). Wa-(100), Southwood fourth bash, Southwood, Tippeca-(123), Peru fifth (126), Ma- noe Valley and North Miami conaquah sixth (145), North- did not field complete teams.

Also scoring for the Markham (12th in 22:01.8), Kambree Cashdollar (15th in 22:21.5), Evyn Fox (21st 24:09.7). Rounding out the top seven were Gracie Dale (26th in 24:14.3) and Paula

Behind Zolman for North-16:58.1; Dave Ford, fifth in field were Trinity Bever 16:59.8); Troy Guenin-Hod- (25th in 24:11.9), Jenna son, 11th in 17:57.4; and Krom (32nd in 24:37.3), Caelan McDougle, 13th in Anna Kissel (40th in 18:05.4. Rounding out the 25:22.3) and Asia Miller (47th in 26:14.8). Madeline 15th in 18:10.5, and Trevor Moore (51st in 27:31.1) and Natalie Keller (57th in "This was a good tune up 31:19.2) rounded out the in preparation for the state top seven, four of which are freshmen.

> Freshman Calisen Kugler of Wabash was 23rd in 29:24.4 and teammate Grace LaMar was 55th in 29:54.4. Southwood's Mariah Brown was 41st in 25:43.4 and Amelia Sweet was 42nd, one-tenth of a second be-

> The final three runners for Manchester were Carissa Edwards (33rd), Kaesyn Lester (44th) and Ainsley West (48th).

> Next up for the high school squads are the IHSAA sectionals Saturday. Wabash, Southwood and Northfield head down to Indiana Wesleyan University for the Marion Sectional, while Manchester hosts. Racing begins at 10:30 a.m.

> The Wabash boys were second behind Oak Hill last year at Marion while Southwood was eighth and Northfield 10th. Wabash's Dereck Vogel won the event but Sweet was runner-up and Burns was 11th. Manchester was fifth at the Culver Academies Sectional with Bedke taking sixth.

> Manchester's girls were third last year, led by Briner's seventh-place finish.

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#### Kaepernick's company publishing essays on policing, prisons

NEW YORK (AP) — Colin Kaepernick's publishing company is putting out a collection of 30 essays over the next four weeks about abolition, policing and prisions.

The former San Francisco 49ers quarterback envisioned and curated this collection following the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

The project is titled: "Abolition For the People: The scholars.

Movement For A Future Without Policing & Pris-

his introduction, Kaepernick writes the killings of Floyd and Taylor "forced our nation to grapple with not only the devastation of police terrorism, but also the institutions that constitute, enhance, and expand the carceral state."

Some of the pieces are written by political prisoners and family members of those who faced police violence and incarceration. Other essays are by organizers, movement leaders and



Mason Fisher lands into a first down.

# Norse varsity football's rushing attack rolls over Zebras

Northfield will be traveling Friday to Whitko

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Northfield football shined under the lights on Friday night, as they controlled the TRC match-up against the Rochester Zebras from start to finish. Norse fans were able to see a very high scoring game right from the very beginning. Senior Clayton Tomlinson returned the opening kickoff 60 yards setting the Norse up in very close range. From there, it only took four plays before sophomore Mason Fisher ran a flea-flicker, pitching the his first touchdown of the day from 10 yards out.

On their next drive, the Norse kept their ground game rolling, getting to 0 Northfield lead. first downs from senior Jarret Shafer, senior Jake Halderman, and Mason quarterback, Halderman, kept the ball one being a 50-yard rush. As the fourth wabashplaindealer.com.

three-yard rushing touchdown, ending more touchdowns, the first one being a the first quarter with a 14 to 0 Northfield lead.

Starting in the second quarter, the Norse exploded on their lead, putting the game out of reach very early. An-Norse another touchdown, this one being a pass from Tomlinson to senior Michael Fisher. As the Norse defense forced another three-and-out, the offense got the ball back and kept firing. Fans got to see the first big air attack of the night, as Halderman connected with Haupert for a 42-yard touchdown normal season so we can make a run pass. On their next possession, junior, Jaydan Goshert, took a carry and ran 43 yards for a touchdown of his own. ball to senior Alex Haupert as he ran in The Norse defense made another big stop, followed by Tomlinson returnsending the game to halftime with a 42

Haupert started the second half with the same offensive spark, getting his Fisher. Set up on second and goal, third touchdown of the evening, this reporter, may be reached by email at sports@

for himself and scrambled in for a quarter progressed, the Norse saw two 2-yard rush from freshman Turner Stevens. The Norse were able to capitalize on one more big play as the night ended, as junior John Clark scrambled for a 23-yard rushing touchdown to other successful flea-flicker gave the finalize the Norse with a huge 62 to 0 win. The Norse ran for 335 total yards, as Haupert led the attack with 134 yards of his own.

"We played well as a team tonight. We were able to put our offense together through all four quarters. I hope we continue to win throughout our in sectionals," said Haupert.

"Although winning is great, I love being able to improve and progress further as a team," said Tomlinson.

Northfield picked up their third ing the punt for a 60-yard touchdown, straight win, moving to 4 and 3 on the year. They look to keep their win streak rolling next Friday, Oct. 9, as they travel to Whitko.

Alina Reed, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance

# Wabash boys win RRC championship

#### Near-perfect season ends with the title for the second year in a row

By ROY CHURCH

The Wabash Middle School boys cross country team closed out its near-perfect 2020 season here Saturday by winning the Running Rivers Conference title for the second year in

The Apaches, who opened the season by winning the Wabash County first nine places in cruising to their first and third in 11:05.5 and 11:19.4, 16:10.2). respectively.

Teammates Drew Guenin-Hodson and Jace Bullins finished fifth and sixth in 11:19.9 and 11:25.8, respectively, and Isaiah Cordes closed out the scoring in 11th in 11:56.9. Shull, Guenin-Hodson and Cordes are seventh-graders.

"I thought we had a good race plan coming into the meet and the guys executed it well," Head Coach Ryan Evans said. "Jonas (Church) was still battling an injury but decided to run anyway so he could help the team in whatever way possible. Isaiah (Cordes) and Coleson (Kugler) stepped up and took the mantle, racing together knowing their places mattered.

"Our sixth through 10th runners have really been a driving factor in our success this season. Many times these guys don't get the credit they deserve because they aren't in the scoring five, but they consistently pushed forward and challenged the top five, making them work to keep their spots."

Manchester's Trey Howard (no rela-

tion to the winner) took second overall Cashdollar ended the 2020 season the in 11:14.8, Northfield's Tate Barlow finished 10th in 11:49.7 and Southwood's Luke Andrews was 18th in

12:19.3 to lead their teams. Northfield came in third in the team standings with 76 points and Southwood was fifth (115). Manchester and three other schools did not field complete teams. Rochester was runner-up, Maconaquah fourth and host Tippecanoe Valley sixth.

Behind Barlow for the Norse were Jaden Baer (16th, 12:17.3), Ty Leming (19th, 12:24.8), Kourtland Pratt (22nd, 12:41.6) and Steven Kowmeet on Aug. 19th, took five of the alczuk (26th, 12:58.2). Behind Andrews for the Knights was Cooper 50-point victory over runner-up Rochester (21-71). They were led by Chase er (25th, 12:56.2), Andrew Wright Howard and Bobby Shull, who went (43rd, 14:33.0) and Luc Neal (55th,

Rounding out the field for Wabash was Coleson Kugler (12th), Kasen Oswalt (14th), Ezra Church (17th), Jay French (27th), Braxten Lakin (30th), Jonas Church (33rd), Kristian Stanton (42nd), Maverick Sommers (49th) and Kaden Rosen (62nd). For Northfield, it was Holten Satterthwaite (31st), Luke Haupert (36th), Lucis Bever (39th), Ethan Hoover (40th), Xavier Roark (46th), Landon Mast (51st), Wyatt Bucher (53rd) and Landon McLaughlin (61st). Southwood's other runner was Carter Winget (60th) and Manchester's other two runners were Kyler Dale (7th) and Taylor Markham (13th).

During the season, the Wabash boys also won the North Miami Invitational, the Wildcat Invitational at Indiana Wesleyan University, the State Preview Meet in Terre Haute, a three-way home meet and their own Wabash Invite a week ago. Their only loss was at the West Noble Invite, where they tied for third.

In the girls race, Manchester's Ayla

same way she started it – winning. The eight-grader began the season winning the Wabash County at home and ended it winning the RRC title in 11:57.2.

Team-wise, Manchester, Wabash and Southwood finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively, behind Maconaguah and Rochester. Northfield did not field a complete team, despite winning the afore-mentioned county meet, because many of its runners are fifth-graders and not eligible to compete Saturday.

Raegan Jones paced the Lady Apaches with a 12th-place finish in 13:52.7, Lola Winer topped Southwood in 8th place in 13:37.7 and Mikayla Meyer led the Lady Norse in 18th in 14:11.7.

Also scoring for Manchester were Kadence Fox (7th in 13:29.8), Chase Blevens (21st in 14:23.0), Shelby Cahill (41st in 16:31.1) and Colson Baert (42nd in 16:31.5). Southwood's other scorers were Shelby Thomas (20th in 14:19.7), Audri Winer (36th in 15:47.8), Jaila Corn (40th in 16:16.3) and Olivia Ranck (52nd in 17:50.7). For Wabash, it was Chloe Cooper (27th in 14:46.5), Rinka Higuera (28th in 14:52.2), Mallory Tart (32nd in 15:10) and Bridget Bailey (33rd in 15:16.7).

Rounding out the field Manchester were Allie Evans (45th), Kaylee Fetters (46th), Maggie Akins (49th), Kelzei Fox (54th), Olivia Wyant (55th) and Avery Akins (63rd). Southwood's only other runner was Makenna Hunter (57th). Wabash's other finishers were Mia Fairchild (34th), Ava Bishir (35th), Ivy Beamer (39th), Maya Howard (44th), Audri Shidler (47th) and Olivia Shelton (59th). Northfield's other three runners were Emme Hanes (22nd), Amarah Bowers (51st) and Zarla Dunn (62nd).

Roy Church may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

#### Indians expect manager Francona back for 2021

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians expect manager Terry Francona to return for the 2021 season after he missed 48 games in 2020 due to health reasons.

President of Baseball Operations Chris Antonetti said Tuesday that the 61-year Francona is back home in Arizona resting and recovering.

Francona was hospitalized during the season after undergoing surgery for a gastrointestinal issue and then dealing with blood clotting complications.

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# On Trump and COVID-19, just tell the truth to the American people

When it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, the Trump administration has hardly been transparent or truthful. On numerous occasions, top officials, and President Donald Trump himself, have withheld, underestimated, downplayed and outright lied.

But when actual scientists and medical professionals have been allowed to speak, they have generally been as accurate as possible. That ended Saturday when the president's physician, Dr. Sean Conley, refused to provide meaningful disclosure on the president's condition during a late morning briefing with reporters.

Conley delivered the reassuring and welcome news that the "president is doing very well" and doctors are "extremely happy" with his progress. But the doctor undercut his credibility by saying he'd "rather not" give information on such questions as Trump's fever before admission and where and when the president contracted the virus. Conley was evasive when pressed about the use of supplemental oxygen.

Actually, Dr. Conley, the American people would rather that you do provide information. In fact, they insist on it. The health of the president is of urgent national and international security concern. All you have to do is tell the truth, without spin or evasion.

The opaqueness of the response was even more troubling when, minutes after Conley concluded his briefing, an administration official (later identified as White House chief of staff Mark Meadows) told pool reporters at the hospital that the president was actually in worse health than was indicated in the briefing, calling his

vital signs over the previous 24 hours top office. This behavior is less like "very concerning" and saying the next 48 hours could be crucial.

At Sunday's briefing, Conley, a Navy officer who is paid by the taxpayers but reports to the commander in chief, was modestly more forthcoming about Trump's vital signs and medications. The doctor said "the president has continued to improve" and acknowledged that Trump had been running a high fever and been given supplemental oxygen at the White House on Friday.

Asked why he had ducked questions Saturday, he said he was trying to "reflect the upbeat attitude" of the medical team. At another point, in response to an inquiry about whether Trump is in a negative-pressure room, Conley replied that he was "not going to get into the specifics" of the president's care.

Really? Then why bother with these briefings? The point ought to be to deliver honest, factual information about the president's condition and prognosis, not rosy scenarios. The public can handle the truth; a lack of transparency only feeds anxiety and conspiracy theories.

Sunday's briefing left unanswered questions about how high the president's fever had been, whether he had received more supplemental oxygen on Saturday, whether he has signs of pneumonia, the level of inflammation in his body and the date of his last negative COVID-19 test.

Sadly, the confusion and mixed messages underscored how Trump and his aides make scant distinction between the institution of government and the man who occupies its

a modern president than it is Louis XIV, the 17th and 18th century king of France who blithely observed, "L'etat, c'est moi." I am the state.

Reports on the president's condition came as at least three Republican senators and several high-ranking Republican officials tested positive as well, testament to how the White House itself has become a place where COVID-19 has spread.

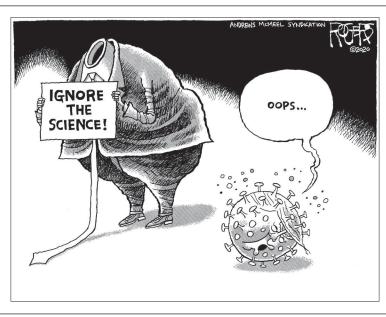
Of particular concern was an event held on Sept. 26 to announce the nomination to the Supreme Court of Judge Amy Coney Barrett. Few of the attendees wore masks, and many could be seen greeting each other with hugs and handshakes.

Numerous Trump invitees to Tuesday's presidential debate in Cleveland also did not wear masks, ignoring rules established by the Cleveland Clinic.

In a year with so much turmoil already, news that the president and first lady Melania Trump had tested positive for COVID-19 was the latest shock. For many, this "October surprise" came with a kind of silent numbness. For others, it was a chance to condemn the president's lackadaisical attitude toward masks and social distancing, or to make breathless predictions about the news' impact on the election or the Supreme Court.

The best course for the public is to take a deep breath and join in wishing the president and first lady a speedy recovery. The best course for the White House is to level with the American people.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.



# Some thoughts on the rural-urban divide

Abackground to the coming election will be the growing rural-urban divide in America, and how it affects political prospects on the coming decades. Some of the handwringing will be overwrought, but there are a few critical points to consider in the years ahead. Let me try to address some of the issues that will certainly influence economic policy towards city and rural communities in the decades ahead. I begin by dispelling some myths.

**Michael Hicks** 



Rural places are culturally and ethnically very diverse. They differ profoundly in types of economic activity, the ethnic origin and religion of inhabitants, and the political tendencies of voters. West Texas ranches are vastly different from Vermont farms or in-

land California almond farms, which differ greatly from Nebraska row crops, Florida orange groves or Washington vineyards. Looking beyond agriculture, we see that manufacturing, mining and tourism mean the industry structure of rural places are also very different. These places are populated by different people, from different places, and are as diverse and full of cultural variation and wonder as any great city.

Rural places in the U.S. differ as fully as Peoria does from New York City, Washington, D.C. from El Paso or Savannah from Pittsburgh. Drawing big political conclusions about the rural and urban divide based on such diversity of culture is risky. However, there are significant differences between rural and urban places that tend to influence public policy. The first is population growth.

Over the last century, America's rural counties haven't really grown. We have roughly the same number of rural residents as we did in Teddy Roosevelt's administration, but urban America is more than five times larger. Four out of five Americans live in urban counties as designated by the Office of Management and Budget. To be fair, many of the urban counties have plenty of row crops in them, and rural counties have many small cities.

Also, much of the growth in urban

places came in formerly rural counties, as has always been the case. Still, urban counties differ in other meaningful ways that are likely to influence future policy. The second big issue is taxes and spending.

Rural places are large beneficiaries of federal dollars. By some estimates, per capita spending by the federal government is twice as high in rural than urban places. Most of this goes into agriculture subsidies, so rural communities probably don't perceive the spending. Most may not actually benefit from it. Still, that is a legitimate critique offered by urban taxpayers, who foot most of the bill. Rural residents ought to be more conscious that these large subsidies provide few benefits for their community, while alienating urban taxpayers.

There's no national study, but here in Indiana, rural places are also big beneficiaries of state tax dollars. This is per a 2011 study jointly authored by Ball State and the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute. In that study, we estimated that rural places get more than \$560 more per resident in taxes than they pay, while urban places get almost \$160 less per resident than they pay. It is a plain fact that state and federal taxpayers subsidize rural places at the expense of cities and suburbs. What is not so clear is whether or not this spending makes a meaningful difference in the lives of rural people. I suspect it does not. This is almost certainly true in every other state.

Just looking at Indiana, we also see that rural places tax themselves less than urban places. Per capita taxes in Indiana's rural counties are almost 10 percent lower than in urban counties. I suspect this is true across the nation, and is a significant economic and

political problem for rural America. It's a hard thing to ask citizens of prosperous and growing places, in need of infrastructure and services, to subsidize a static or declining region. We are an affluent nation and can bear it now, but the unwillingness of rural places to invest in themselves hardly commends more subsidies from urban taxpayers. I believe a reckoning is coming, and it will force rural places to think more intelligently about tax and spending priorities. That begins by admitting that large regional transfers have to have some sort of broader

benefit, and that rural taxpayers will have to bear a greater share of that burden.

There are other differences between rural and urban places that influence spending priorities. Urban places are richer, and, when you control for industrial differences, more productive. Here in Indiana, urban counties have per capita income that is 10 percent higher than in rural counties. That helps balance the higher taxes and lower spending that urban places receive, but the most startling differences lie in educational attainment.

Urban counties have more than a 50 percent higher share of adults with a bachelor's degree than do rural counties. Part of this is clearly attributable to household sorting. The income benefits of education are higher in urban places. In short, that is why cities exist in the first place, as clustering places for skilled workers.

A full 76 percent of the differences in income between rural and urban places are explained by differences in educational attainment. By itself, this is strong evidence that rural areas are unlikely to grow without capturing a larger share of educated adults. And this fact ties together the challenges for population growth, taxes and spending and education for rural places.

The most likely way outsized spending on rural places will benefit the nation as a whole is if the result is more resilient and prosperous communities. For the most part, that goal will be elusive for rural communities that do not find some clear linkages to a nearby city. It will also be nearly impossible for rural places to prosper if they don't shrink the education gap with urban places. This is a backdrop to the current election that will be with us for decades.

Michael J. Hicks, PhD, is the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and the George and Frances Ball distinguished professor of economics in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University. Hicks earned doctoral and master's degrees in economics from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor's degree in economics from Virginia Military Institute. He has authored two books and more than 60 scholarly works focusing on state and local public policy, including tax and expenditure policy and the impact of Wal-Mart on local economies.

#### **LETTERS**

#### Joe Biden will return decency to America

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Joe Bialek Cleveland

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In 1954, Marian Anderson became the first Black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. In 1960, Democratic presi-

dential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard Nixon held their second televised debate, this one in Washington, D.C.

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Notice is hereby given that Amy Maples was jagv12@gmail.com on the 30th day of September, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Loren **TRANSPORTATION** H. Watkins, deceased.

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Emily C. Guenin-Hodson, Attorney Guenin Law Office, P.C 574 South Miami Street Wabash, Indiana 46992 (260) 569-7900 HSPAXLP.10/07,10/14/2020

#### Legals

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF WABASH

IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 85C01-2009-MI-000636 IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: SARAH CATHERINE GRAEBER, Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2020, Sarah Catherine Graeber filed her Verified Petition for Change of Name seeking to change her name from "Sarah Catherine Graeber" to "Kathie Sarah Keen".

bash Circuit Court, Cause No. 85C01-2009-MI-000636, and is presently set for hearing on December 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections to the granting of said petition. Date:09/28/2020

Said petition is presently pending in the Wa-

/s/Lori J. Draper ( Seal) CLERK, WABASH CIRCUIT COURT Mark A. Frantz, DOWNS, TANDY, & PETRUNIW, P.C. Attorneys at Law 99 West Canal Street Wabash, IN 46992

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#### Legals

Court.

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-1903-JC-12 IN THE MATTER OF: KB-DOB 1/4/2018 A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES AND CORY BOWERS (MOTHER) BRETT NICCUM (FATHER) SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY **PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF** CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

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of the child including child support. YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

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# Wabash VFW Post No. 286 to host meatloaf dinner on Friday night

Menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll

**STAFF REPORT** 

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 will host a meatloaf 260-563-2463.

dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and a

The cost is \$8 per person. Carryout will be available. The event will be open to the

For more information, call

# Wabash County United Fund opens 2020 campaign

Signs at Courthouse, North Manchester to track progress toward \$250K goal

**STAFF REPORT** 

Wabash County United Fund officially opens its 2020 Campaign on Friday afternoon when United Fund staff and members of the Board of Directors gathered on the Wabash County Courthouse lawn for a sign

The progress sign, one of two in Wabash County, shows a campaign goal of \$250,000. The second sign will be placed at the intersection of Indiana 13 and Indiana 114 in North Manchester.

"This has been a particularly eventful year for United and Urbana Community Fund. The pandemic, business closures and employee layoffs created a completely new set of people who found themselves in need of assistance. The situation helped us recognize some of the Fund created an Emergency Assistance Fund through Bank Foundation and Lilly Endowment supported the work by contributing to the Fund," said Johnson.

Some of the local investments made in response to local need include:

\$30,000 for people in need of rent, utility, medical or childcare assistance;

\$40,000 for nonprofit organizations to help them purchase PPE, sanitizing supplies, and technology upgrades that will help keep their staff, volunteers and patrons safe and healthy;

\$15,000 for childcare scholarships; and

\$25,000 to support community health and emergency planning.

Also, United Fund resurrected the Local Board for Pam Guthrie; Alex Wingthe Emergency Food and Shelter Program that will Gremaux and Julie McCann. bring an estimated \$30,000 into the community this year alone to help purchase food and provide overnight housing as needed.

continue this impactful work next year, in part, through

the efforts of local partner

agencies and programs,"

said Johnson. Agencies that have been approved for funding in 2021 include 85 Hope, The Access Youth Center, Advantage Housing, ARC of Wabash County, Blessings in a Backpack in Wabash and North Manchester, Hands of Hope, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, Lighthouse Rescue Mission, Living Well in Wabash County (Wabash County Transit and Commuraising ceremony, according nity Cupboard Food Pantry), to Steve Johnson, executive Manchester Early Learning Center, Pathfinder Services VITA Program, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition, WAMA Community Assistance Program, Wabash FAME, Wabash County Cancer Society, Roann Community Building, Somerset Community Building Building.

> United Fund seeks to mobilize the community around three main initiatives.

1. Education: To address the education challenge by offering effective strategies vulnerabilities we face as a and approaches to all income community that is concerned levels to re-frame education for people in need. United and increase graduation rates.

2. Health/Healthy Living: which to channel COVID-re- To address quality of life lated grants and donations. concerns facing individuals Corporation foundations like and families and to encour-Ford Meter Box Foundation, age a sense of well-being Owens Corning Thermafi- and promote healthy living ber Foundation, Paperworks while connecting commu-Corporation, First Financial nity members to available physical and mental health support resources.

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United Fund is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Current members of the Board include Mark Frantz, president; Cathy Wolfe, vice president; Kim Matthews, treasurer; Marilyn Custer-Mitchell; Jim Widner; Deanna Maller; er; Mike Keaffaber; Teresa For more information, call 260-563-7649 or email info@wcunitedfund.org. Donations may be made at the United Fund website at "United Fund will strive to www.wcunitedfund.org.

# Pence takes lead role in campaign with Trump travel stopped for now

By BRIAN SLODYSKO Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With President Donald Trump ill with COVID-19, Vice President Mike Pence took the lead role in campaigning Monday, starting a swing through key states to bolster the president's chance for reelection.

Military Medical Center and returned to the White House Monday evening, but it's unclear when he'll be able to travel.

"I spoke to the president a little while back. He soundfor this week's vice presidential debate.

to the White House, he told me to head to Utah. And forward to the vice presidential debate," he said. the choice has never been clearer."

ergized and deflect critikilled more than 210,000 Americans. Trump's posintensified scrutiny of the administration's approach to the pandemic.

day when he participates in on decaf." the vice presidential debate with California Sen. Kama- ways been successful. As la Harris. Pence will almost Indiana's governor from plain shifting accounts of the president's health over the that he sometimes strugweekend and justify Trump's decision to hold large in-person campaign rallies during a pandemic – events that Trump left Walter Reed often flouted public health he signed that allowed busithousands of mostly maskless supporters.

quential. That is not the case in 2020," said Alex Conant, ed great," Pence told report- a Republican strategist who ers at Joint Base Andrews worked on Florida Sen. before heading west to Utah Marco Rubio's 2016 presidential bid. "The public has "When the president told how we got here and it's an be legal." me that he was headed back opportunity for Pence to answer some of those."

Pence has often been dible sigh. "C'mon." we're looking very much called upon to smooth over fallout from Trump's messy decision making and divi-"The stakes in this election sive policies. Since the 2016 have never been higher and campaign, he has served as by searing exchanges with and Florida and will return a bridge of sorts between a brash, thrice-married for-Pence wants to keep the mer reality television star And she is certain to press president's supporters en- who long bragged about the issue of the virus and run," Pence said Saturday womanizing and the more cism of the administration's traditional branch of the Rehandling of a virus that has publican Party, particularly conservative evangelicals.

be especially bright Wednes- himself as "Rush Limbaugh

His approach hasn't alrelentlessly on-message fast-moving crises. That includes his handling

of backlash over a 2015 law to gay people for religious reasons, which was later idential debate is inconse- uproar. During an interview with George Stephanopoulos on ABC when he was governor, Pence grew flustered after failing to answer direct questions about whether so many questions about against gay people should

> "George!" Pence protested before letting out an au-

will be a major test. The former California prosecutor's political rise was fueled is slated to visit Arizona political rivals during major congressional hearings. Trump's diagnoses when on a call with staff. "I promthe two meet in Salt Lake ise you, this president, as

The smooth diction and lenge. But it is one he is there. itive diagnosis Friday has humble demeanor Pence well-suited for," said Cam brings to the role was honed Savage, a veteran Republicavalier in the 1990s as a conserva- can strategist from Indiana proach to public office, cittive talk-radio host in In- who has closely observed The spotlight on Pence will diana, when he referred to Pence's political career.

disciplined leader who is not likely to make mistakes."

One major uncertainty certainly be pressed to ex- 2013 to 2017, he was so is what sort of condition Trump will be in during the weeks ahead. His adminisgled to contain fallout from tration has offered rosy assessments of his health, but Trump's blood oxygen level abruptly dropped twice in recent days and he was givguidelines by congregating ness owners to deny service en supplemental oxygen before his hospitalization.

There are also concerns "Normally, the vice pres- amended as a result of the that Pence could himself could catch the virus while campaigning, a troubling scenario that raises serious questions about national security and the transfer of power if either he or Trump discrimination took a turn for the worse.

After the debate, Pence says, it's back to "business as usual" and the campaign has appearances planned for him, as well as Trump's The debate with Harris children and other top surrogates, in an effort billed as "Operation MAGA." Pence to Indiana on Friday to vote early.

'We've got a campaign to soon as his doctors say so, "That will be his chal- he's going to be back out

Pence often evokes faith when describing his aping the biblical concept of "servant leadership."

# As Harris pitches to Black voters, some want to hear more; she will debate Pence tonight

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RALEIGH, N.C. Standing before Sen. Ka- health care. mala Harris at a campaign event near a Raleigh barberthe Democratic vice presiand Joe Biden convince pandemic. young Black voters their ticket isn't simply the lesser of two evils?

"I appreciate your quesreplied. "Nobody is supposed to vote for us - we

need to earn it." That's what Harris, the first Black woman to appear on a major party's presideninterviews, Harris is pitchmore equitable economy.

to pitch to her biggest au- meaningful change. dience yet on Wednesday,

Black Americans, includ- tain age demographics are

shop, Marcus Bass asked Donald Trump was hospitalized with the virus, revivquestion: How would she istration's handling of the my community?""

and excited many Black voters, particularly women, tial ticket, is trying to do ocratic Party's most reliin swing states like North able voters. Harris attend-Carolina, as the presiden- ed Howard University, an tial contest enters its final HBCU, and was a member weeks. In conversations at of the Alpha Kappa Alpha barbershops and historically sorority. Members donning Black colleges and universithe sorority's green and ties, through ads on popular pink colors can often be websites and live Instagram spotted outside her events.

ingful progress on issues young Black voters say that matter to Black Amer- they're looking for some-Biden and Harris are com- economic fallout. She'll have the chance mitted or able to execute

particularly resonant for that grandparents and cer- Court.

those populations that his-

The intensifying focus on Black voters during re- performance. the vice presidential debate cent visits to Michigan and offers Harris an important North Carolina, including Black woman and just chance to address doubts those who couldn't or didn't Black in America, period," tion and the point," Harris about the Democratic ticket. vote in 2016 and those she said. Biden's history-making whom Trump is courting, selection of Harris as his particularly Black men. Derunning mate has energized spite Trump's efforts, Black worker from Raleigh who voters nationally support Biden by a wide margin, who are among the Dem- polling shows. She's also other Trump win and may campaigned in Milwaukee opt out of voting. He likand Philadelphia, two cities ened it to staying in a bad with large Black populations in swing states.

Her message in Detroit, the nation's largest Black city, was clear: I see you.

about Detroit, as not only But she's still facing a measure of our country ing herself and Biden as a skepticism about her past and its excellence but also team that can make mean- as a prosecutor, and some as a matter of the challenges that we face as a nation," Harris said, recognizing the icans, like police reform, thing more than a politi- unique challenges facing ending the new coronavirus cian who looks like them. the city, which was devas- one of her challenges is pandemic and creating a They're not yet convinced tated by COVID-19 and the making sure those policies

She chose Shaw University, an HBCU in Raleigh "I do think they have a with a history in the civil when she is expected to lot more work to do," said rights movement, as the site debate Vice President Mike John Ray, a 32-year-old of her first North Carolina Pence. Harris is likely to Black man who works with visit, where she delivered home buyers and ensuring deliver a message that's youth in Detroit. "We know a speech on the Supreme access to capital for Black

Biance Wilburn, a senior ing the disproportionate toll already going to vote. So, at Shaw University, learned the coronavirus has taken should a lot of energy be through her work with an on their communities and spent there, or should we advocacy group last year the vital need for access to be trying to really activate that many of her peers thought voting didn't mat-The theme takes on a new torically don't vote? Some ter, a perception that she's significance after President are saying, 'What are you worked to change. Wilburn, going to do beyond cam- who is 21, called Harris' paign promises to actually visit to campus a "wow" dential nominee a pointed ing criticism of the admin- make things better for me in moment before the California senator greeted students Harris has appealed to and grooved to a drumline

"It means a lot to be a

But Tory Jackson, a 36-year-old mental health is Black, said many of his friends are resigned to anrelationship instead of gambling on a new one.

"We've dealt with him for four years. We've already seen what he can and can't "There's so much that is do. We already know his antics," said Jackson, who plans to vote but not for Trump.

Harris can rattle off with ease a lengthy list of policies aimed at improving the lives of Black Americans; break through. They include investing \$70 billion in HB-CUs and working to reduce racial gaps in home and business ownership through tax credits for first-time small-business owners.

# Indiana attorney general candidates are split over virus powers

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INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's attorney general candidates are divided over how the Republican governor has a statewide public health used the state's emergency powers law to impose a coronavirus-related execu-

candidate who fully supports Gov. Eric Holcomb's legal ed spreading across the authority while the Republican candidate is emphasizcurb that power.

Republican Attorney General Curtis Hill – over the 44 emergency on March 6.

mask mandate and other has focused on Holcomb's refusal to use his exclusive tive orders that have stirred power to recall legislators discord among conservative to the Statehouse since their regular 2020 session But it is the Democratic ended March 11 – just as country.

Republican attorney gening what he calls the need to eral candidate Todd Rokita calls the coronavirus very

cism from some conserva- the flu, but says he wants publican nomination over kick the issue to the Legis- islature only meets a few tives – including the current to work with legislators to revise the state emergency law, which was largely executive orders that he has drafted in 2003 following issued since first declaring the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Rokita said he believed it was meant for temporary Some of that pushback situations such as floods, tornadoes or terrorist actions, even though epidemics are included among the 29 situations specified in the "I don't see in reading

COVID-19 shutdowns start- it that it's at all meant for something with the duration as long as this pandemic," Rokita said. Rokita is a former con-

gressman and Indiana secre-

Hill after the state Supreme Court suspended Hill's law license for 30 days; Hill had been accused of groping a s tate lawmaker and three other women during a party. Holcomb dropped any

possible criminal penalties from the statewide mask mandate in July after Hill argued the governor was overstepping his authority and that only the Legislature could take such a step.

Democratic attorney general nominee Jonathan Weinzapfel said he wouldn't have undercut Holcomb's mask order and that Rokita Evansville mayor and state isn't supporting the gover-

lature.

"He's on the wrong side of science, the wrong side of public health," Weinzapfel said. "He can stand with Curtis Hill. I will stand proudly, on this issue, with Governor Holcomb."

Several members of the Republican-dominated Legislature have said they will propose limits on the governor's emergency authority, such as capping the number of 30-day extensions he can declare without legislative consent.

Weinzapfel, a former representative, said since Holcomb has faced criti- contagious and worse than tary of state. He won the Re- nor's mandate by wanting to Indiana's part-time Leg-

months a year, the governor must be able to respond in emergencies.

"I would hope they will maintain that authority for the governor," Weinzapfel said. "I'm sure there are plenty of things that could be changed to make it more reflective of what we've experienced over the last few months.' The discontent over Hol-

comb's coronavirus orders has some longtime Republicans saying they will vote for Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Donald Rainwater in November's election. Election Day is less than 30 days from today.

# Presidential debates and what really matters

There wasn't much to say ■ about the first presidential debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden. The lowest point may have been when Trump went after Biden's son Hunter and his addiction struggles. There are legitimate questions to be asked about Hunter Biden and his international dealings, but addiction is not the issue to raise on a national stage. How many people have often hidden struggles they are too ashamed to ask for help for? Moments like that only make things worse.

This year, with all the necessary social distancing, the annual Al Smith Dinner hosted by the archbishop of New York – didn't happen as usual.

In a normal year, the dinner brings presidential candidates and some New

#### Kathryn Lopez



together in an overcrowded ballroom, to put aside bitter partisanship for some good-humored fellowship in honor of Smith, the

York glitterati

first Roman Catholic candidate for president. Despite the challenges this year, the event did manage to transpire with its usual spirit.

Donald Trump and Joe Biden sent video messages - both of which drove me a little batty at times (I can't listen to Biden talk about

Catholic social teaching's influence on his life when he's as radical as they come these days on abortion, and he has the capital in his party to moderate its position if he cared to; Trump's bombast was as unpleasant as ever). But the beautiful part is always the prayer. Cardinal Timothy Dolan got Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton to pray privately with him together last time around. This time, I prayed for some national healing as Cardinal Dolan called upon God's grace for two broken hearts - Joe Biden who lost a son and Donald Trump, who recently lost his brother. It was a reminder in all the disagreements that we're dealing with human beings. Amy Coney Barrett

seems to understand that point. Her focus on giving tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg during her remarks at the announcement of her nomination for Ginsburg's seat on the Supreme Court was the right, human thing to do. A woman has died. She had family who are mourning. The flags were at half-staff. This is about more than a political nuclear war.

Barrett's announcement was a beautiful moment in America, if we can put politics aside for a moment. She's a woman of faith who takes it seriously. She's excelled in her career and is lauded by colleagues, students and teachers.

I've heard young women say they were personally

inspired to see her on the national stage, and to see a marriage and family represented so beautifully. That she has adopted children, too, I think is such a blessing to the nation. Vulnerable children so often go unseen. They are even more hidden during the ongoing pandemic. In the beauty of the Barrett family, we see the promise of our future, we see the best of America hospitality and generosity.

How can you care for vulnerable children in your community? Not everyone is going to adopt a child - or two – from Haiti. But what can we do to support those who do, for instance? We all have a role to play in carrying out the promise of America, living up to

the ideals of this country's founding and the potential that still exists in its example, even in this somewhat benighted national climate. These are all questions and ideas that should be on our minds. Let's not make everything about this presidential election that so many of us are glued to. And let's pray for one another, whether or not we agree with one another.

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# A diverse cloud of saints – and one superhero

Early in the coronavirus crisis, and in this summer's wave of chaos in American streets, Rachel Bulman began paying close attention to the faces in news reports.

She also found herself thinking about a hero: the Black Panther.

Born in the Philippines before being adopted, the Catholic writer has lived her life – as a daughter. wife and mother - in White America. As a child. she didn't look like her family. Now, her children are growing up "knowing that they just don't look like everyone else," she said. "Our family has its own story."

Bulman responded by hanging images of saints from Africa, Asia, Latin America and elsewhere in their home. There was St. Josephine Bakhita from Sudan, and an icon of St. Augustine with darker skin,

since his mother was from North Africa's Berber tribe. There was St. Juan Diego of Mexico, who encountered

## Terry



Guadalupe, and Sister Thea Bowman of Mississippi, the granddaughter of slaves. whose cause for sainthood has been

Our Lady of

endorsed by America's bishops.

"I wanted my children to see all kinds of saints and heroes, including some with faces kind of like their

own," she said. Bulman had also become interested in the Marvel Comics universe and the symbolic role of King T'Challa – the Black Panther – for millions of Black Americans, especially children. She was stunned

when actor Chadwick Boseman died this summer at age 43 after a long, private fight with colon cancer. He endured years of chemotherapy and multiple surgeries while filming "Black Panther" and related Avengers

Searching through press reports, Bulman noted colleagues referring to Boseman as a "man of faith," a "beautiful soul" and someone with a "spiritual aura" about his work with others - including children with cancer.

At a memorial rite for Boseman, his former pastor at Welfare Baptist Church in Anderson, South Carolina, said that even after fame arrived, the actor remained the same person he'd known as a young believer.

"He's still Chad," said the Rev. Samuel Neely. "He did a lot of positive things. ... With him singing in the

choir, with him working the youth group, he always was doing something, always helping out, always serving.

That was his personality." Digging deeper, Bulman said she "cried all the way through" a video of Boseman's 2018 commencement address at Howard University, his alma mater. She noted the actor's adept use of scripture, especially when describing a lesson learned when he questioned violent, hopeless themes in one of his first roles.

"I was let go from that job on the next day. ... The questions I asked set the producers on guard and perhaps paved the way for a less stereotypical portrayal for the Black actor that stepped into the role after me. As the scripture says, 'I planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but God kept it growing," said Boseman, citing 1 Corinthians 3:6.

The actor noted: "Sometimes you need to feel the pain and sting of defeat to activate the real passion and purpose that God predestined inside of you. God says in Jeremiah, 'I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

Spiritual themes emerged in other appearances, including Boseman's remarks at the 2019 American Film Institute tribute to a mentor, Denzel Washington. He thanked the superstar a Pentecostal pastor's son who is open about his faith for helping young people in civic groups, theaters and churches, saying "an offering from a sage and a king is more than silver and gold. It is a seed of hope, a bud of faith. There is no Black Panther without Denzel Washington."

Boseman closed with

Ephesians 3:20: "May God bless you exceedingly and abundantly more for what's in store than He ever has before."

Bulman stressed that Boseman kept playing roles that "looked past the color of someone's skin and into their search for purpose." It was "a bonus that he didn't look like other movie superheroes. ... I also thought it was important to learn that his faith made a difference in his life and his work," she

"What Chadwick Boseman offered us was a chance to see that nothing is completely secular, that everyone has a chance to be reclaimed and redeemed," said Bulman. "He was a different kind of hero."

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